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LETTER DATED 16 FEBRUARY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that at 1855 hours on 15 February 1994 United States and Coalition aircraft overflew the town of Samawah at various altitudes and broke the sound barrier over residential neighbourhoods, causing breakage of glass in the windows and doors of a large number of homes and government offices in the town and bringing alarm and panic to women, children and elderly persons.

That the aggressor aircraft of the United States and its Coalition partners thus continue to break the sound barrier provides further evidence that the United States of America is persisting in inflicting injury on Iraq and its people and in prejudicing the country's security and sovereignty.

The Government of the Republic of Iraq, protesting against these continued acts of aggression in the strongest possible terms, requests you to intervene and to take such steps as are required by the Charter of the United Nations to bring them to a halt and prevent their future recurrence.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
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